

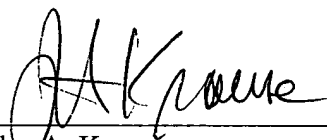
REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 4, 15, 16, 18, 19, 24 and 25 are independent form. Claim 15 has been amended and Claims 20-25 are newly added. The changes to the claims correspond in substantial part to the claims as amended under Article 19 during the International Phase of this National Stage application.

An early and favorable examination is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. A. Krause', written over a horizontal line.

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